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UNITED CRUSADE THANKS

Congratulations and thanks are in order for each and every Medco employee who contributed to the United Crusade.

This year our Medco plant chapter contributed over \$15,000.00 to the Crusade fund. This figure, as a matter of pride, is the largest plant chapter gift. Also, as a matter of pride, we appreciate the recognition of our duty as one of the leading companies in the area, to support community efforts.

High praise was passed on to each and every contributor by Mr. John Dies, campaign chairman and Mr. Chris Christensen, plant chapter chairman, on behalf of the United Crusade and the participating agencies. Special recognition was given at a "Medco Day" meeting where we were represented by several of our employees. The plywood plant was singled out for their efforts in achieving 98% fair share giving.

Again, thanks to each of you for a job well done.

Quotable quote

Minister of Transport Tom Fraser of London, England: "A tiger in the tank is no use if there is a donkey at the wheel." □

MAILING LIST

When making out our mailing list for the News and Views recently we found that Medford Corporation employees are living in 16 different towns in the area. It is evident from this that we are represented in every community for several miles around and throughout the valley.

We also mail the paper to 14 cities outside of the valley that range from the West Coast through the Midwest to the Eastern shore. Pretty good circulation.



Thanksgiving Message

May we offer our thanks to the Almighty for the many blessings that he has provided for our health and happiness during 1965.

May we remember to offer our thanks for our American way of life and all the opportunities, advantages and responsibilities this way of life means to us and our dear ones.

May we remember on this Thanksgiving Day to ask for the protection of our men who are fighting wars so far from the comfort of home and family.

May we ask for guidance so necessary to us so that we may enjoy this Thanksgiving in peace and prosperity and look forward with confidence to Thanksgivings yet to come.

May we share with each other as brothers and fellow employees a happy and bountiful Thanksgiving Day.

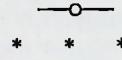


PICNIC CONTEST WINNER

In a close contest, Mrs. Robert Hammond, whose husband works in the veneer preparation department in the plywood plant, won the Swift's premium ham.

Mrs. Hammond's guess was 2150, with 2149 being the correct answer for the contest. The figure stating the number in attendance was supplied by Mr. John North of North's Chuck Wagon, who handled the delicious food arrangements. Needless to say that there were some other very close guesses that only missed the actual figure by two or three people.

Congratulations to the winner and thanks to all the people that took an interest and entered the contest.



All things being equal, most things are not.



CHANGES IN NEWS AND VIEWS

The publication of the Medco News and Views will come under the direction of Mr. Lewis Tyser, of Medford, commencing with the December issue.

We don't know how many of you were aware that since May we have been handling the paper on our own. After much consideration we felt that in the best interest of all concerned we again place the News and Views publication in more experienced hands.

Mr. Tyser will be checking through the plants in his search for news and interesting feature articles and will be recognizable by his gold hard hat. We also will utilize Lew's talents to compile a Medco publication to mail direct to our many valued customers throughout the United States. So smile, you may be on a candid camera that will not only carry your picture in the Rogue Valley, but coast to coast.

Simple
solutions

SMART SHOPPING

You needn't have magic powers, even in these days of inflationary prices, to plug those holes in a fondering budget or store away a little money for that special purpose.

Examine your spending habits and determine where you can improve them. Consider how the following bargain-hunting tips can help you to save pennies and dollars:

Study the ads in the local newspapers before you sally forth, money in hand. Some of the items on your shopping list may be offered at reduced prices, or you may want to make menu plan changes to take advantage of special food bargains. And look for bargains as you shop.

Plan ahead for seasonal sales in buying house goods or clothing. For example linens are best purchased during the January White Sales; clothing is drastically reduced following July 4 and Christmas; toys for birthday gifts and the next Christmas are big bargains immediately following December 25.

Buy in quantity. Larger containers generally give you more for less money, but check the label for weights and measures to be sure you are getting more. Consider your needs and possible spoilage, but even very small households can stock up on soap, staple foods, paper goods, and the like.

Write for free samples! Besides making your mail more intriguing, writing for samples will supply introductory sizes of soaps, cosmetics, baby foods, and such items. And use the coupons you find in the mail and in newspapers and magazines which will give you a sizable reduction in price on certain articles.

Look for "extras." Sometimes a higher-priced article will offer so many good extras (such as free installation) that it will be more economical than one with a lower price.

Watch for one-cent sales, when you get two items for the regular price of one, plus only a penny.

Never buy anything shoddy, no matter how cheap it is. You won't enjoy it and it won't last. Be sure it is "the real thing." You're always safe in choosing a good brand, for the manufacturer must protect his reputation.

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Be a doer, not an explainer.
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BOWLING 'EM OVER (Past and Present)

Bowling began with the ancient Egyptians more than 7,000 years ago. Archeologists have found bowling instruments in the grave of an Egyptian child buried 5,200 years before the birth of Christ.

Church grounds were the locale for a bowling game in the third century A.D. Clergymen in Germany encouraged their flock to "keigel" the "heide"—club the heathen—by throwing a ball at a set of pins representing pagans and their ways. A good score was a sign that the bowler was leading a good life and would be capable of slaying heathen if the occasion arose.

Lawn bowling, a sport which was new and different in 12th Century England, is still popular in that land. The Italians have their own version: boccie. A favorite Scottish sport, curling, appeared in the 16th century. This is a form of bowling on ice. The Irish, as usual, got their kicks the hard way with an ancient game called road bowling: rolling stones from one town to another.

Bowling was so popular in the Middle Ages that it was a standard event

KEGLERS
ROLL AGAIN

The MEDCO bowling league is again well underway with friendly competition and high spirits being exhibited.

The league standings to date show the sawmill team made up of Carl Cook, Jack Latourette, Elvin Wolgammott, Chuck Learn and Dick Matthews in the lead. A total of 12 teams make up this years league.

The current standings are as follows:

1. Sawmill
2. Scratch Pads
3. Laps & Gaps
4. Stump Jumpers
5. Black Jacks
6. Mavericks
7. Wreckers
8. White Specks
9. Rejects
10. Chinese Bandits
11. Odds & Ends
12. Five Stooges

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Teacher: "How would you punctuate this sentence: 'I saw a five dollar bill on the sidewalk'?"

Jimmy: "I'd make a dash after it."

at most wedding and christening parties. Crusty Edward III of England, fearing that bowling would displace the more military sport of archery, issued a proclamation in 1366 against this "dishonorable, useless and unprofitable" pastime.

One historic figure who disagreed was Martin Luther. He built a bowling lane for his family in which nine pins were the target. To this day, European bowlers prefer to play with nine, as against the American use of ten pins.

That tenth pin, and how we got it, is an intriguing historical puzzle. Henry Hudson and his Dutch companions brought nine pins to this country in the 1600's. One legend says the tenth pin was added to circumvent an 1841 ruling by the Connecticut legislature, which had banned nine pins as a sport infested by gambling.

With the introduction of automatic pinspotters and the increased interest in leisure activities in the 1950's, attractive bowling establishments sprouted throughout the land. Today, there are 10,000 of them, with 100,000 lanes and more than a million pins.



HOLIDAY NOTICE

All departments will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, and will resume operations on Friday, November 26th—with a full stomach. Some employees will be required to handle the work that must be performed on a holiday, so please check with your supervisors.

Our tentative plans now indicate that we will be closed for Christmas vacation the week of December 27th, working early shifts on Friday, December 24th. Definite notice will be posted on the bulletin boards in your department.

"Sir, my wife said I was to ask for a raise."

"Good, I'll ask my wife if I may give you one."

CAUTION: CHILD CROSSING

He was only three feet tall, but his imagination had shot him up to six-feet-four. A rubber ball appeared and he became Warren Spahn, bearing down in the ninth toward another no-hitter. And when the ball took a bad bounce off the front steps and rolled into the street, he became a fielder in hot retrieve to beat the tying run at home plate. A car slashed through "center field" at that moment, might have ended the chapter—the entire story—for the pitcher-fielder.

How many children would be spared each year if every driver kept alive to the fact that a youngster doesn't always remember to "look both ways", when playing his way to the Hall of Fame. How many children would be spared each year if we were mindful of their infinite worth as compared to the inanimate assembly of motor, wires and steel that we drive in pointless haste.

Remember with children the model hasn't changed since the dawn of history, this small package of perfection, fresh from its Creator. Remember the wonder of a child at play—the nimbleness of a colt, the speed of a deer, the swoops and spirals of a free flying bird. Then remember to drive carefully, with all power of mind, muscle and nerve to control speed, to keep eyes busy and alert, to be ready to stop instantly . . . to enable some pitcher-fielder to whirl on toward victory and glory.

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Just a Simple Tree . . .

The Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, reporting on YOUR FABULOUS FRIEND, the tree, makes this statement:

"You can climb it, get cool under it, build a tree house in it; but did you know that you can drive on it, take pictures with it, blow your nose with it, drink from it, go into orbit because of it?"

"It has better plumbing than a house, it starts smaller than a button, gets bigger than a building. It runs like a machine on sun fuel! It cooks its own food—free! It's tougher than a rock! It's tall, terrific, and beautiful! It comes in a thousand models."

JOB CORPS TOUR

Many of the employees noted recently several groups of young men going through the sawmill and plywood plants.

These youngsters are members of the Job Corps camp located near Grants Pass. Approximately 160 of the 200 participants in the camp toured MEDCO's facilities.

The tour was arranged by Chan Drew as an added educational study for these young men, who come from every walk of life and every part of our country.

The interest level of the boys was good and they asked some excellent questions regarding the operations. We are sure that the time they spent with us has added to their knowledge and appreciation of our industry.

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WEDDING BELLS

Joe Slaby, dry kilns, and Margaret Elkins were married October 2nd in Reno, Nevada.

The newlyweds took a weeks leave of absence in addition to their normal week vacation for their honeymoon trip through Idaho and Washington.

Understand from the fellows at the dry kiln that Joe finally showed up at 10:00 a.m. Monday—said he had a dental appointment.

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NURSED AID

Watch Your Child's Eyes

One or more of these signs MAY mean eye trouble for your child:

If a child stumbles or falls.

If he holds objects close to his eyes in order to see them.

If he has red rimmed, encrusted, or swollen eyelids.

If he squints or scowls or blinks.

If he seems sensitive to bright light.

If he shows little interest in things at a distance or close up.

If he says his eyes itch, burn or feel scratchy.

If he shuts or covers one eye often.

If he over-reaches or under-reaches for an object.

And for the older child:

If he has dizzy spells or headaches.

If he has trouble reading or doing work that requires close up use of the eyes.

If he is falling behind in his school work.

Watch your child's eyes.

KITCHEN KORNER

Here's a good sounding recipe that we found in our files. It seems very appropriate for this time of year with chilly weather coming on and also using some of our Rogue Valley pears as an ingredient.

GINGERBREAD UPSIDE DOWN CAKE

Cover the bottom of a bake pan generously with melted butter or margarine. Sprinkle well with brown sugar. Add a layer of canned pears. Now heat this in the oven while mixing your favorite gingerbread recipe (if you're in a hurry you can use a "store bought" mix). Spread the batter on top of the hot pears and brown sugar, and bake at 375° till a toothpick comes out clean. Serve hot or cold, with a dab of whipped cream.

That's a dessert that should "stick to your ribs".



FRUGAL

An elderly Scotchman, Mitchell by name, entered and asked to speak with the president of the local bank. After a few moments of discussion, he asked what the cost would be to borrow \$5 for one year.

In order to discourage such a small loan, the president told him that the charge would be the minimum loan charge at the bank—\$1. "I'll take it," the Scotchman said.

Surprised at the customer's reaction, the president could only make up the note for his signature.

The matter of collateral was then approached, and the Scotchman brought forth three \$100,000 government bonds, inquiring, "Will these be safe in your vaults?"

Assured that they would be perfectly safe, the Scotchman smilingly departed with his receipt, remarking, "And down the street at that other bank, they wanted \$6 for a little box to keep them in."

In the Fall of the year, the minister was baptizing a new member while his friend looked on. As they stepped out of the water, the friend asked, "Is the water cold, Joe?" "N-n-o-o," shivered Joe. "Better duck him again, Parson," said the friend. "He ain't quit lyin' yet."

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TRIM ENDS

Over on the plywood plant they were checking the box cars put in to load and happened to knock on the side of one. Guess what? It knocked back, much to the surprise of everyone. Apparently a "king of the road" had found the car open and decided to make his bed in it. The car was closed up and switched into the plant before the gentleman was aware that his mobile home was to be loaded with plywood and sent to some distant market.

Question of the month. Has anyone ever heard of a Irish French Poodle? We understand there is one in the vicinity of the dry kiln and if so it is one of the Black Irish.

We have a report that Bill Buckingham was walking around in the saw-mill with just the frames of his glasses on to get the fellows used to seeing him in specs, before he had the glass put in.

Seen by the bridge. Some of Earl Obenshains handiwork. Did you notice those 72 foot beams? Earl laid these up in 18 laminations of 2 x 6. He says they're the biggest that he's ever made.

Understand that we had a chip car get away from us in late September. Rolled silently down the track and took out the bumper guard just before going out onto the highway. Our maintenance engineer Stan Delgado was reportedly seen excitedly waving his hands and yelling at the car to "whoa", all to no avail.

From fisherman's luck category we find the story that Bill Gates took his wife fishing. She hooked onto a 25# fish that took off so fast and hard that the reel froze. But Mrs. Gates arose to the occasion and hand landed the critter.

Don Grove, dry kiln, and his family moved into their new home in Jacksonville on November 3rd.

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Terse Verse

True love at first sight—
I think people call it.
Beside me like magic—
When she spied my fat wallet.

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See Sam Oettinger, credit committee chairman, and Carl Cook, membership officer, and ask them any questions that you may have.

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MARKET REPORT

The market conditions at this time of year are somewhat slow for lumber and slightly improved in plywood.

Our lumber market has seen some slow down that seems to be the pattern at this time of the year. Our sales-manager, Ed Nave, however reports that we are continuing our efforts to maintain an order file and if possible show some inventory reduction before the end of the year. Remember it's up to all of us to do our best job all of the time, so that the quality of our products backs up the constant efforts of our sales team.

Our plywood market seems to be in fair shape with some optimism being generated by large government inquiries for orders for Viet Nam. We are not always in position to supply these specifications required by government purchasing but these large orders benefit the entire industry by their size and demanding schedules which channels production into these export markets.

Dick Atterbury, assistant sales manager, returned from a hard working two week sales trip to the southwest seeking out potential new accounts for our products and re-establishing efforts with some of our current accounts. We have already noted some results of these sales trips in the form of new accounts and new orders.

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Bob was visiting a friend who wanted him to meet an Indian with a remarkable memory. Bob asked the Indian what he had for breakfast July 12, 1940.

"Eggs," replied the Indian.
"Bah!" said Bob. "Everybody has eggs for breakfast."

Two years later, Bob saw the same Indian. Bob raised his hand, and said, "How."

"Scrambled," replied the Indian.